## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9

## UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL

# DRAFT INDIVIDUAL PERMIT

Class V Injection Permit No. NV50810001

### Issued to:

Leon Mark Kizer (allotment CC 234 Owner) c/o Bureau of Indian Affairs – Western Nevada Agency 311 E. Washington Street Carson City, NV 89701

And

PTP, Incorporated (Operator) P.O. Box 188 Minden, NV 89423

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#### PART I. AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE

Pursuant to the Underground Injection Control regulations of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency codified at Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 124, 144, 146, 147, and 148.

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and

PTP, Incorporated (Operator) P.O. Box 188 Minden, NV 89423

are hereby authorized to operate four (14) Class V municipal waste water injection wells identified as Pineview Estates No. A1 - A2, and F1-F12 located at:

Pineview Estates Subdivision 149 N. Highway 395 Gardnerville, NV 89410

Allotment CC 234
Latitude: 38 degrees 51'03" N
Longitude: 119 degrees 38'52"W
Section: 5, Township: 11, Range: 21 East

All conditions set forth herein refer to Title 40 Parts 124, 144, 146, 147 and 148 of the Code of Federal Regulations and are regulations that are in effect on the date that this permit is effective.

This permit consists of nineteen (XX) pages and includes all items listed in the Table of Contents. Further, it is based upon representations made by the permittee and on other information contained in the administrative record. It is the responsibility of the permittee to read and understand all provisions of this permit.

This permit is issued for a period of ten (10) years unless terminated under the conditions set forth in Part III, Section B of this permit.

Issued this	day of	; This permit shall become effective
		Alexis Strauss, Director
		Water Management Division, EPA Region 9

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#### PART II. SPECIFIC PERMIT CONDITIONS

#### A. WELL DESCRIPTION and LOCATION

1. The following specifications apply to all injection wells on site. The term "injection well", for purposes of this permit, refers to a subsurface fluid distribution system (also referred to as "drainfield") designed and used to inject treated sanitary wastewater below the ground surface. The drainfields authorized by this permit each have the capacity to serve at least 20 or more persons within a 24 hour period, and are defined as Class V wells pursuant to CFR §§ 144.81. Locations of each individual drainfield on the Pineview Estates property is shown on a map, attached as Appendix A.

**Injection Well No. A1:** This subsurface drainfield is located at the southeastern boundary of the site and serves multiple residential dwellings (see Appendix A). Sanitary wastewater from each residential dwelling is plumbed to a subsurface septic tank which serves to treat the wastewater prior to flowing to Pineview Estates' conveyance and treatment system, which ultimately discharges to this drainfield. Individual property owners are responsible for proper septic tank maintenance.

**Injection Well No. A2**: This subsurface drainfield is located at the southeastern boundary of the site and serves multiple residential dwellings (see Appendix A). Sanitary wastewater from each residential dwelling is plumbed to a subsurface septic tank which serves to treat the wastewater prior to flowing to Pineview Estates' conveyance and treatment system, which ultimately discharges to this drainfield. Individual property owners are responsible for proper septic tank maintenance.

**Injection Well No. F1-F12**: These twelve subsurface drainfields are located at the southern boundary of the site and serve the majority of the residential dwellings at Pineview Estates (see Appendix A). This subsurface drainfield is located at the southeastern boundary of the site and serves multiple residential dwellings (see Appendix A). Sanitary wastewater from each residential dwelling is plumbed to a subsurface septic tank which serves to treat the wastewater prior to flowing to Pineview Estates' conveyance and treatment system, which ultimately discharges to this drainfield. Individual property owners are responsible for proper septic tank maintenance.

#### 2. Injection Intervals

Subsurface placement of sanitary wastewater into the designated injection zones will be through perforated PVC chambers and/or pipes associated with each well at least eighteen inches below the ground surface. Alteration of the injection infrastructure and/or zones, and other rework operations, must be properly reported (EPA Form 7520-12).

### 3. <u>Monitoring Devices</u>

Pursuant to 40 CFR §§144.51 and 144.52 in order to prevent the migration of injected fluids into Underground Sources of Drinking Water (USDW), the operator shall maintain in good operating condition:

- a. effluent distribution box or portal for each injection well capable of producing representative samples of the injection fluids;
- b. a continuously recording flow meter for each injection well, (with measured cumulative volumes), that are certified for a deviation accuracy of five (5) percent or less throughout the range of injection rates allowed by the permit;
- c. at least two monitoring wells for each injection well A1 and A2, and at least one monitoring well for each injection well F1-F12. Each monitoring well will be equipped with access or a portal by which water samples can be periodically obtained;
- d. all lift stations, wastewater treatment equipment, and dosing devices will be equipped with an electronic dial-up alarm system to notify designated personnel of equipment malfunction and/or problems. This requirement does not apply to septic tanks owned by individual property owners at the site.

### 4. Proposed Changes and Workovers

The permittee shall give advance notice of at least seven (7) days to the EPA of any planned physical alterations to the injection wells that have already been approved by EPA. Any changes in well construction or configuration will require prior approval of the EPA and either a major or minor permit modification under the requirements of 40 CFR §§ 144.39 and 144.41. The permittee shall provide a completed well rework form (see Appendix B) and all records of well workovers, logging, or other subsequent test data to EPA within sixty (60) days of completion of the activity.

#### **B.** CORRECTIVE ACTION

No corrective action for injection wells located on site will be required pursuant to 40 CFR §§ 144.55 and 146.7.

#### C. WELL OPERATION

#### 1. Mechanical Integrity

The injection wells covered by this permit are not subject to Mechanical Integrity Testing.

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## 2. <u>Injection Pressure Limitation</u>

- a. The facility currently injects using gravity flow.
- b. If the facility chooses to inject under pressure, an injection pressure limit will be calculated based on the results of appropriate tests.
- c. Any approval granted by EPA for the increased pressure limitations as stated in paragraph (b) shall be made part of this permit by minor modification.

### 3. <u>Injection Volume (Rate) Limitation</u>

The total injection rate at the facility **shall not** exceed the following:

- a. An average injection rate of 33,000 gallons per day (mgd) for injection well A1, and 10,500 gallons per day for injection well A2.
- b. An average injection rate of 150,000 gallons per day (mgd) for injection wells F1-F12 combined, or 12,500 gallons per day for each individual injection well (i.e., F1, F2, F3....F12).
- c. A maximum rate of 193,000 gallons total for the entire site for any one 24 hour period.

## 4. <u>Injection Fluid Limitations</u>

- a. The permittee shall not inject any hazardous wastes as defined by 40 CFR § 261, at any time during the operation of the authorized injection wells.
- b. Injection fluid **shall only consist** of treated, sanitary wastewater generated from individual residential properties at the site.
- c. Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>) for any effluent sample shall not exceed 45 mg/l. If this effluent limit is exceeded, additional sampling requirements for BOD<sub>5</sub> are required as specified below (item "e").
- d. Suspended Solids for any effluent sample shall not exceed 45 mg/l. If this effluent limit is exceeded, additional sampling requirements for BOD<sub>5</sub> are required as specified below (item "f").
- e. If the effluent limits of 45 mg/L for BOD<sub>5</sub> are exceeded, then the following steps are required:
  - i. When any two out of three consecutive samples of the injected wastewater (i.e., effluent) exceed the of 45 mg/l limit for BOD<sub>5</sub>,

the permittee shall investigate/evaluate the potential causes of this exceedance. The permittee shall prepare and submit a report to EPA explaining the findings of the permittee's investigation/evaluation.

- When any three out of five consecutive samples of the injected ii. wastewater exceed the of 45 mg/l limit for BOD<sub>5</sub>, the permittee shall evaluate and propose remedial measures needed to reduce BOD<sub>5</sub> concentrations. The permittee shall prepare and submit a report to EPA recommending methods for reducing BOD<sub>5</sub> concentrations in the effluent, including a time schedule for implementing these methods. This report shall specify implementation other BOD5 of the best treatment or technology/operations that is technically and economically feasible. The permittee shall implement these methods according to the specified time schedule following EPA's approval of the methods and schedule.
- f. If the effluent limits of 45 mg/L for SS are exceeded, then the following steps are required:
  - i. When any two out of three consecutive samples of the injected wastewater (i.e., effluent) exceed the of 45 mg/l limit for SS, the permittee shall investigate/evaluate the potential causes of this exceedance. The permittee shall prepare and submit a report to EPA explaining the findings of the permittee's investigation/evaluation.
  - ii. When any three out of five consecutive samples of the injected wastewater exceed the of 45 mg/l limit for SS, the permittee shall evaluate and propose remedial measures needed to reduce SS concentrations. The permittee shall prepare and submit a report to EPA recommending methods for reducing SS concentrations in the effluent, including a time schedule for implementing these methods. This report shall specify implementation of the best treatment or other SS technology/operations that is technically and economically feasible. The permittee shall implement these methods according to the specified time schedule following EPA's approval of the methods and schedule.

## D. MONITORING, RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING OF RESULTS

### 1. <u>Effluent Monitoring Program</u>

Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring wastewater effluent prior to subsurface injection shall be representative of the normal, weekly discharge activity. Injection flow rate (gallons per day) shall be measured in the supply line immediately before the wellhead or point of injection. Monthly reporting shall consist of average, maximum, and minimum weekly values for flow rate and volume. The permittee shall utilize the applicable analytical methods described in Tables IA-IF of 40 CFR § 136.3, or in EPA Publication SW-846, "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods," or other methods that have been approved by the EPA to test for required constituents/parameters (listed below). Grab sample methodology shall be used to collect effluent from the distribution box or point of discharge for each of the following drainfields: A1, A2, and F1-F12 (collectively). Once obtained, grab samples shall be properly submitted for laboratory analysis to test for the specified physical and chemical parameters. The Permittee shall ensure that the analytical laboratory conducting the required analyses submits a copy of analytical results to EPA Region IX, UIC Program Coordinator.

<u>Parameter</u>	Monitoring Frequency	Sample Type
pH	monthly	grab
BOD <sub>5</sub>	" "	" "
Total SS	" "	" "
Nitrate/Nitrogen	" "	" "
injection rate, gpd	Continuous	Recorder
injection total volume, gallons	Continuous	Totalizer

### 2. <u>Calibration of Monitoring Equipment</u>

All monitoring and recording equipment shall be calibrated on a regular basis. The permittee shall submit, to the EPA, a report describing the calibration procedures and the frequency at which the equipment will be calibrated

### 3. Automatic Alarms and Shut-Off Devices

The permittee shall continuously operate and maintain an automatic warning system which will immediately notify the operators of a malfunction of monitoring equipment.

## 4. <u>Groundwater Monitoring Program</u>

Water samples taken for the purpose of monitoring groundwater shall be representative in that such samples shall not be influenced or contaminated by above ground sources, such as surface water run-off. Groundwater samples shall be obtained from previously constructed groundwater monitoring wells, located at the boundaries of each drainfield. The permittee shall utilize the applicable

analytical methods described in Tables IA-IF of 40 CFR § 136.3, or in EPA **Publication** SW-846, "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Physical/Chemical Methods," or other methods that have been approved by the EPA to test for required constituents/parameters (listed below). Grab sample methodology shall be used to collect groundwater samples for each of the following drainfields: A1, A2, and F1, F2, F3....F12. Once obtained, grab samples shall be properly submitted for laboratory analysis to test for the specified physical and chemical parameters. The Permittee shall ensure that the analytical laboratory conducting the required analyses submits a copy of analytical results to EPA Region IX, UIC Program Coordinator.

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Monitoring</u> <u>Frequency</u>	Sample Type
Nitrate Nitrogen	monthly	grab
Fecal Coliform	11 11	" "

### 5. Groundwater Sampling Requirements

- a. Groundwater samples cannot show presence of Fecal Coliform. If Fecal Coliform is present in any groundwater samples, additional sampling requirements for Fecal Coliform are required as specified below (item "c").
- b. Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen) for any groundwater sample shall not exceed 10.0 mg/l. If this effluent limit is exceeded, additional sampling requirements for Nitrate/Nitrogen is required as specified below (item "d").
- c. If the groundwater samples show presence of Fecal Coliform, then the following steps are required:
  - i. When any two out of three consecutive samples of groundwater samples show presence of Fecal Coliform, the permittee shall investigate/evaluate the potential causes of this occurrence. The permittee shall prepare and submit a report to EPA explaining the findings of the permittee's investigation/evaluation.
  - ii. When any three out of five consecutive samples of the groundwater samples show presence of Fecal Coliform, the permittee shall evaluate and propose remedial measures needed to ameliorate this problem. The permittee shall prepare and submit a report to EPA recommending methods for curtialing Fecal Coliform concentrations from groundwater, including a time schedule for implementing these methods. This report shall specify implementation of the best treatment or other

technology/operations to treat the occurrence of Fecal Coliform that is technically and economically feasible. The permittee shall implement these methods according to the specified time schedule following EPA's approval of the methods and schedule.

- d. If the groundwater limit of 10 mg/L for Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen) is exceeded, then the following steps are required:
  - i. When any two out of three consecutive groundwater samples exceed the 10.0 mg/l limit for Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen), the permittee shall investigate/evaluate the potential causes of this exceedance. The permittee shall prepare and submit a report to EPA explaining the findings of the permittee's investigation/evaluation.
  - When any three out of five consecutive groundwater samples ii. exceed the of 10.0 mg/l limit for Nitrate, the permittee shall evaluate and propose remedial measures needed to reduce Nitrogen concentrations from the effluent. The permittee shall prepare and submit a report to EPA recommending methods for reducing Nitrogen concentrations in the effluent, including a time schedule for implementing these methods. This report shall specify implementation of the treatment other best or technology/operations for removing or reducing Nitrogen from the effluent that is technically and economically feasible. permittee shall implement these methods according to the specified time schedule following EPA's approval of the methods and schedule.

#### 6. Reporting Monitoring Information

Records of any monitoring activity required under this permit shall include:

- a. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or field measurements;
- b. The name of the individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
- c. The sampling method(s) employed;
- d. Date(s) laboratory analysis were performed;
- e. The name of the individual(s) who performed the analyses;
- f. The analytical techniques or methods used by laboratory personnel;
- g. The results of such analyses; and

h. Chain of custody records.

## 7. Recordkeeping

- a. The permittee shall retain records concerning:
  - i. the nature and composition of all injected fluids until three (3) years after the well has been plugged and abandoned.
  - ii. all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all SCADA recordings used for continuous monitoring and copies of all reports required by this permit for a period of at least five (5) years from the date of the sample, measurement or report throughout the operating life of the injection wells.
- b. The permittee shall maintain copies (or originals) of all pertinent observation records available for inspection at the facility.

## 8. <u>Reporting Results</u>

The permittee shall submit short and accurate quarterly reports to the Director containing the following information:

- a. results of the injection fluid analyses specified in permit condition Part II, Section D. Item 3.
- b. average, maximum, and minimum weekly and monthly values for the continuously monitored parameters specified in Part II, Section D, Item 4.
- c. equipment calibration.
- d. a narrative description and explanation of all noncompliance that occurred during the reporting period.
- e. results of the groundwater analyses specified in permit condition Part II, Section D, Item 3.
- f. any reports specified in permit condition Part II, Section C, Items 4.f.i. and 4.f.ii.

Monitoring results obtained during each calendar month shall be summarized and reported quarterly to EPA. Reports shall be submitted to EPA within 30 days of the end of each quarterly monitoring period. For example, results from the quarterly monitoring period of January 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> shall be reported to

EPA no later than May 30<sup>th</sup> of that same year.

Monitoring results and all other reports required by this permit shall be submitted to the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Groundwater Office, Mail Code: WTR-9 75 Hawthorne St. San Francisco, CA 94105

#### E. PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT

#### 1. Notice of Plugging and Abandonment

The permittee shall notify the EPA no later than 45 days before further conversion, workover, or abandonment of any well on site, including ground monitoring wells. The EPA may require that the plugging and abandonment be witnessed by an EPA representative.

#### 2. Plugging and Abandonment Plan

The permittee shall abandon the wells according to the Plugging and Abandonment Plans in Appendix C. The EPA reserves the right to change the manner in which the well will be plugged if the well is modified during its permitted life or if the well is not consistent with EPA requirements for construction or mechanical integrity. The EPA may ask the permittee to estimate and to update the estimated plugging cost periodically. Such estimates shall be based upon costs which a third party would incur to plug the well according to the plan.

#### 3. Plugging and Abandonment Report

Within sixty (60) days after plugging the well, the permittee shall submit a report on Form 7520-13 to the EPA. The report shall be certified as accurate by the person who performed the plugging operation and the report shall consist of either: (1) a statement that the well was plugged in accordance with the plan, or (2) where actual plugging differed from the plan, a statement specifying the different procedures followed.

#### 4. Cessation of Injection Activities

Two (2) years following the cessation of injection activities at the site, the permittee shall plug and abandon all inactive wells in accordance with the Plugging and Abandonment Plan, unless:

- provides notice to the EPA; and a.
- has demonstrated that the well will be used in the future, and b.
- has described actions or procedures, satisfactory to the EPA, that will be c.

taken to ensure that the well will not endanger USDWs during the period of temporary abandonment.

## F. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## 1. <u>Demonstration of Financial Responsibility</u>

The permittee is required to maintain financial responsibility and resources to close, plug, and abandon the underground injection operation as provided in the plugging and abandonment plan.

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#### PART III. GENERAL PERMIT CONDITIONS

#### A. EFFECT OF PERMIT

The permittee is allowed to engage in underground injection well operation in accordance with the conditions of this permit. The permittee, authorized by this permit, shall not construct, operate, maintain, convert, plug, abandon, or conduct any other injection activity in a manner that allows the movement of fluid containing any contaminant into underground sources of drinking water, if the presence of that contaminant may cause a violation of any primary drinking water regulation under 40 CFR Part 141 or may otherwise adversely affect the health of persons. Furthermore, any underground injection activity not specifically authorized in this permit is prohibited. Compliance with this permit during its term constitutes compliance for purposes of enforcement with Part C of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Such compliance does not constitute a defense to any action brought under Section 1431 of the SDWA, or any other common or statutory law other than Part C of the SDWA. Issuance of this permit does not convey property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege; nor does it authorize any injury to persons or property, any invasion of other private rights, or any infringement of State or local law or regulations. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to relieve the permittee of any duties under applicable regulations.

### **B. PERMIT ACTIONS**

#### 1. Modification, Revocation, Reissuance and Termination

The EPA may, for cause or upon request from the permittee, modify, revoke and reissue, or terminate this permit in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 124.5, 144.12, 144.39, and 144.40. Also, the permit is subject to minor modifications for cause as specified in 40 CFR § 144.41. The filing of a request for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or the notification of planned changes, or anticipated noncompliance on the part of the permittee does not stay the applicability or enforceability of any permit condition. The EPA may also modify, revoke and reissue, or terminate this permit in accordance with any amendments to the SDWA if the amendments have applicability to this permit.

### 2. Transfer of Permits

This permit is not transferable to any person except after notice is provided to the EPA and the permittee complies with the requirements of 40 CFR § 144.38. The EPA may require modification or revocation and reissuance of the permit to change the name of the permittee and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the SDWA.

### C. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances and the remainder of this permit

shall not be affected thereby.

#### D. CONFIDENTIALITY

In accordance with 40 CFR §§ 2 and 144.5, any information submitted to EPA pursuant to this permit may be claimed as confidential by the submitter. Any such claim must be asserted at the time of submission by stamping the words "confidential business information" on each page containing such information. If no claim is made at the time of submission, EPA may make the information available to the public without further notice.

## E. GENERAL DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS

## 1. Duty to Comply

The permittee shall comply with all applicable UIC Program regulations and conditions of this permit, except to the extent and for the duration such noncompliance is authorized by an emergency permit issued in accordance with 40 CFR § 144.34. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the SDWA and is grounds for enforcement action, permit termination, revocation and reissuance, modification, or for denial of a permit renewal application. Such noncompliance may also be grounds for enforcement action under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

### 2. Penalties for Violations of Permit Conditions

Any person who violates a permit requirement is subject to civil penalties and other enforcement action under the SDWA and may be subject to such actions pursuant to RCRA. Any person who willfully violates permit conditions may be subject to criminal prosecution.

## 3. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity not a Defense

It shall not be a defense, for the permittee in an enforcement action, that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

### 4. Duty to Mitigate

The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize and correct any adverse impact on the environment resulting from noncompliance with this permit.

#### 5. Proper Operation and Maintenance

The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems only when necessary to achieve

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#### 6. Duty to Provide Information

The permittee shall furnish to the EPA, within a time specified, any information which the EPA may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with this permit. The permittee shall also furnish to the EPA, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.

#### 7. Inspection and Entry

The permittee shall allow the EPA, or an authorized EPA representative, upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

- a. enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept under the conditions of this permit;
- b. have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that are kept under the conditions of this permit;
- c. inspect and photograph at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
- d. sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the SDWA, any substances or parameters at any location.

## 8. Records of the Permit Application

The permittee shall maintain records of all data required to complete the permit application and any supplemental information submitted for a period of five (5) years from the effective date of this permit. This period may be extended by request of the EPA at any time.

### 9. Signatory Requirements

All reports or other information requested by the EPA shall be signed and certified by a responsible corporate officer or duly authorized representative according to 40 CFR § 144.32.

## 10. Reporting of Noncompliance

## a. <u>Anticipated Noncompliance</u>

The permittee shall give advance notice to the EPA of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.

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### b. <u>Compliance Schedules</u>

Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days following each schedule date.

#### c. Twenty-four Hour Reporting.

i. The permittee shall report to the EPA any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment. Information shall be provided orally within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances to: (415) 972-3457.

The following shall be included as information which must be reported orally within 24 hours:

- A. any monitoring or other information which indicates that any contaminant may cause an endangerment to an underground source of drinking water.
- B. any noncompliance with a permit condition, or malfunction of the injection system, which may cause fluid migration into or between underground sources of drinking water.
- ii. A written submission shall also be provided to the EPA within five (5) days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance.

#### d. Other Noncompliance

The permittee shall report all other instances of noncompliance not otherwise reported at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in Part III, Section E.10.(c)(ii) of this permit.

#### e. <u>Other Information</u>

Where the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit all relevant facts in the permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Director, the permittee shall submit such facts or information within two (2) weeks of the time such information becomes known.

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### 11. Continuation of Expiring Permits

## a. <u>Duty to Reapply</u>

If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must submit a complete application for a new permit at least 180 days before this permit expires.

#### b. Permit Extensions

The conditions of an expired permit may continue in force in accordance with Title 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) 558(c) until the effective date of a new permit, if:

- i. the permittee has submitted a timely application which is a complete application for a new permit;
- ii. The EPA, through no fault of the permittee, does not issue a new permit with an effective date on or before the expiration date of the previous permit; and
- iii. The new permit has not been denied, and if a denial has been appealed, the denial has not been upheld on appeal. (The appeal is still pending or has resulted in a reversal of the denial of the new permit application.)

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## **APPENDIX A - INJECTION WELL SCHEMATICS**

## APPENDIX B - WELL REWORK REPORTING FORM

## APPENDIX C - PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT PLANS

Upon completion of injection activities, a well will be plugged and abandoned according to the following plans and to State and Federal regulations to ensure protection of Underground Sources of Drinking Water (USDW).